

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated

7 Dear Alec

I had several conversations with Douglas about his proposition to Charlie, and he said the same thing each time, that the proposition was based on the idea that your expenditures for the A. E. A amounted to 50 99 50000.00, and that Mr Curtiss wanted to reimburse you for your outlay on the A. E. A as an acknowledgement of his indebtedness to you. It was in short not a question of what the patents were worth to the company but of appreciation of what you had done for Mr Curtiss through the A.E.A.

He told me that they were doing a large business, but their cash capital was too small to warrant their offering more cash.

The question in my mind is whether Charlie is wise in rejecting the proposition altogether. Is it not better to have half a loaf than no loaf at all.

Mabel Mrs. Bell